

(19) World Intellectual Property
Organization
International Bureau



(43) International Publication Date
22 July 2004 (22.07.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number
WO 2004/060257 A2

- (51) International Patent Classification⁷: **A61G**
- (21) International Application Number:
PCT/US2003/041169
- (22) International Filing Date:
23 December 2003 (23.12.2003)
- (25) Filing Language: English
- (26) Publication Language: English
- (30) Priority Data:
60/436,555 26 December 2002 (26.12.2002) US
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): **GEN-
DRON, INC.** [US/US]; 400 East Lugbill Road, Archbold,
OH 43502 (US).
- (72) Inventors; and
- (75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only): **STROBEL, Fred-
eric, W.** [US/US]; 161 Dogwood Lane, Montpelier, OH
43543 (US). **COTTER, Steven, W.** [US/US]; 1002 Grey-
stone Drive, Bryan, OH 43506 (US).
- (74) Agent: **FRASER, Donald, R.**; MacMillan, Sobanski &
Todd, LLC, One Maritime Plaza, Fourth Floor, 720 Water
Sreet, Toledo, OH 43604-1853 (US).

(81) Designated States (*national*): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU,
AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU,
CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH,
GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC,
LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW,
MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC,
SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA,
UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.

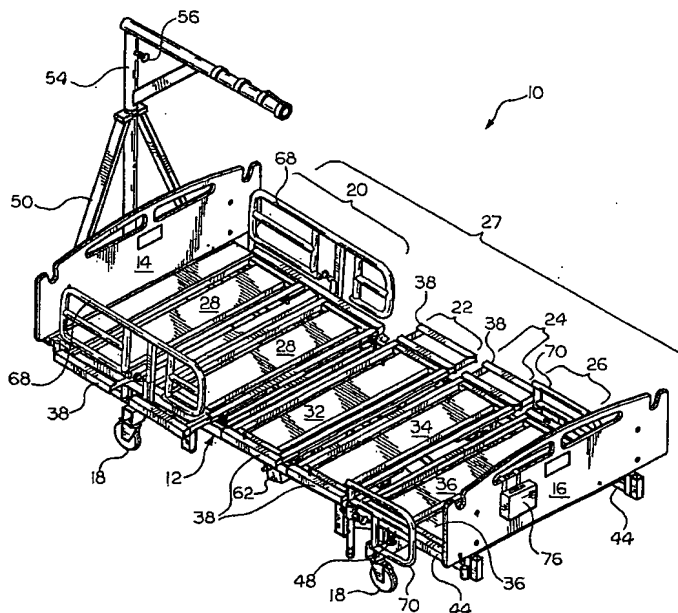
(84) Designated States (*regional*): ARIPO patent (BW, GH,
GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW),
Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM),
European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE,
ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE,
SI, SK, TR), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA,
GN, GQ, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).

Published:

— without international search report and to be republished
upon receipt of that report

For two-letter codes and other abbreviations, refer to the "Guid-
ance Notes on Codes and Abbreviations" appearing at the begin-
ning of each regular issue of the PCT Gazette.

(54) Title: **BARIATRIC PATIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**



(57) **Abstract:** A bariatric bed having extensible side portions and extensible end portions which facilitate an expansion of the overall width and length of the bed to comfortably support an obese patient, the side portions capable of being retracted to reduce the overall width of the bed to fit through a standard hospital door opening, the bed including a plurality of load cells which transmit a signal to a weigh scale to provide a readout of the weight of the patient.